



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive week at Hogarth, and I have had the opportunity to spend more time in classrooms, observing lessons and talking to children about their learning. What has particularly pleased me is the calm, enthusiastic atmosphere across the school and the excellent relationships between children and adults. There is no surprise that attendance continues to improve when our children are clearly happy and settled in school. I am certainly not always wearing my rose-tinted glasses, and I know there are still areas we need to focus on, but it is fantastic to see Hogarth continuing to move forward. I would also like to thank the parents I have spoken to on the gate and around school. Your honesty and the relationships we have built give me confidence that we will continue to improve together.

I spent some time over the weekend looking through the Parent Survey responses and thought it would be useful to explain some of the comments and decisions behind them.

“There are too many app updates, and why do we receive a paper newsletter?”

When we first started at Hogarth, communication was a significant concern for parents, so we have worked hard to improve this. Despite regular reminders, the office still receives many calls about information already shared, which is why we trialled a paper newsletter. As this has not reduced enquiries, we will not continue with the paper copies. We will also look at making messages more specific to year groups where possible.

“Could Breakfast and After-School Club have a longer booking window?”

The 48-hour cut-off allows us to order sufficient food and drink and plan staffing. However, we have never turned a child away because they were booked late. As a working parent myself, I know that emergencies happen, and we will always do our best to support families, even if that means receiving a call at 3.00pm!

“It would be nice to have a wider range of clubs.”

I completely understand this. However, as a small primary school, we currently offer 15 free extra-curricular clubs with more than 320 places taken up by children. These are run by our own staff, who generously give their time. Increasing this significantly would probably require us to introduce charges, and that is not something I am prepared to do this year. I genuinely believe the range of free opportunities we currently provide is exceptional for a school of our size.

Finally, a reminder that **Parents' Evening** is next week. Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher. Mrs King and I will also be available if there is anything additional you would like to discuss. I would like to thank you for your continued support, honesty and belief in what we are trying to achieve at Hogarth. We may not always get everything right, but we will continue to listen, reflect and improve.



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Stars of the Week

RB	RH	1KM	2F
Joseph C	Theia	Arthur R	Eva
3Y	4C	5H	6C
Reggie	Jessica	Lupe	Thejashwini



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Edith (6C) and Mason A (6C) for incredible dance performances at the Autumn disco.



Reading at Home –

Remember the expectation is to read at least 3 times a week with your child and sign their Reading Record.

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home						% 3 and more	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	Times Read								
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
RB	1	0	1	0	3	12	88%	88%	6%
RH	6	1	3	2	1	2	33%	20%	40%
1KM	0	3	5	5	1	14	74%	56%	0%
2F	0	0	3	4	4	21	91%	78%	0%
3Y	2	1	1	3	4	17	86%	78%	7%
4C	0	1	1	9	8	11	93%	63%	0%
5H	2	1	1	7	6	9	85%	58%	7%
6C	2	0	0	1	1	27	94%	90%	6%



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	RH	1KM	2F	Whole school 96.1%
Attendance	96%	92%	94%	96%	
Class	3Y	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	95%	95%	97%	97%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5H / 6C	RB / 2F	4C



Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	RH	1KM	2F	Whole school 96.2%
Attendance	98%	96%	94%	97%	
Class	3Y	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	93%	96%	96%	97%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RB	2F / 6C	RH / 4C / 5H

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	respect	sabre tooth tiger	conjunction
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
insist	carnivore	vital	reminisce

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	collection	whole	greater than
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
part whole	inverse	multiples	common factor



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Diary Dates

Monday 12 October - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Tuesday 13 October - Parent Evening

Thursday 15 October – Parent Evening

Friday 16 October – Non School Uniform day to celebrate attendance

Friday 16 October – Last Day of Half Term

Monday 2 November – Return to School

Monday 2 November – Don in for Dance Workshops

Monday 2 November - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Tuesday 3 November – Year 6 SATs Meeting for parents 17.15 – 18.00

Friday 6 November – Reception Library Visit AM

Tuesday 10 November – Whole School Welly Walk

Thursday 12 November – PTA Laser Light Show – 17.30

Monday 16 November - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Friday 20 November – Understanding Anxiety Workshop – Rachel Manley

Thursday 26 November – Healthy Family - Banardo's Parent Drop in Session.

Thursday 26 November – PTA Christmas Pottery for Children Event

Wednesday 2 December – Reception – Post Box Walk

Thursday 3 December – Reception – Post Box Walk

Friday 4 December - Reception Christmas Biscuit Workshop PM – Parents Invited

Monday 7 December – Book Fair arrives

Tuesday 8 December – Reception Church Visit

Monday 7 December - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Thursday 10 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10 December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 11 December – Rocksteady Concert - 14.30

Tuesday 15 December – Reception Nativity PM – Parents invited

Friday 18 December – Don in for Year 6 Panto



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